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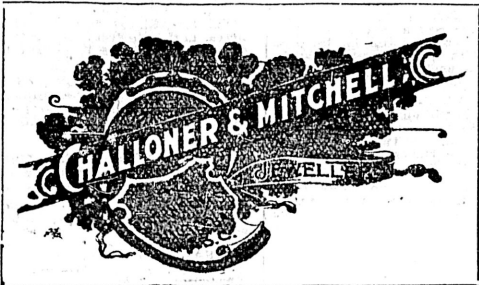
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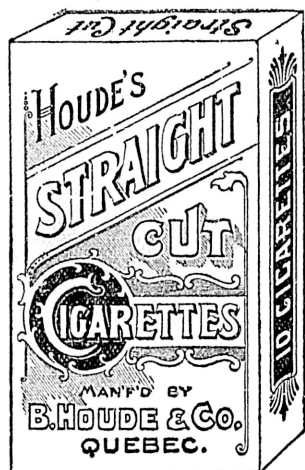
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Political Awakening

By-elections and Opening of
Parliament Give Promise of
Lively Times.

Tarte Tries to Shift Blame of
His Own Misdeeds on
Conservatives.

Conservatives Ready to Put up
a Strong Fight in
Quebec.

Special to the Colonist.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Geo. E. Foster and Hon. Chas. Fitzpatrick were in the city to-day, and the prime minister had a conference with a number of leading local Liberals. The question of the by-elections was the chief topic under discussion. The calling of parliament for February 1, and the prospects of by-elections before the end of January will make things lively in political circles. In this district elections have to be held in Berthier, Chambly and Verchères and Sherbrooke. The Conservatives are determined upon putting up a big fight in all constituencies and are confident of success.

Hon. Mr. Tarte has an article in his official organ, La Patrie, referring to the calling of parliament, which is of some interest at the present moment. The article is significant as showing that Mr. Tarte is now trying to lay the blame for the race prejudices which he has chiefly aroused himself through La Patrie upon the Conservatives of Ontario for political capital in Quebec.

SHIPPING DISASTERS.

Three Vessels Wrecked and Nineteen Men
Lost Their Lives.

London, Dec. 30.—The Hamburg and South American line steamer Pelotas from Santos for Rotterdam went ashore during a heavy storm. She was laden with coffee and had eight passengers on board. In spite of the heavy weather prevailing, the Dungeness lifeboat succeeded in reaching the steamer and remained with her all night. The Pelotas is so far in shore that she is left almost at low tide. Her stern and rudder have been washed away. The captain refuses assistance and is rapidly jettisoning her cargo. Tugs are attending her at next high tide. The gale, however, continues.

The Hamburg and South American line is in no way connected with the Hamburg-American line of New York.

The British sailing vessel Emily Lloyd has been wrecked near Cherbourg. The captain and twelve of her crew were drowned.

The French steamer St. Jean has been sunk near Brest. Seven of her crew were lost.

COAL FAMINE THREATENED.

Unprecedented Demand for Fuel in
Great Britain Causes a Shortage.

London, Dec. 30.—The United Kingdom is threatened with a coal famine. Unless conditions improve many industrial concerns depending upon the coal supply may have to suspend before February as their margin of profit is gradually being wiped out. Wages have gone up labor is hard to find. The normal winter conditions of traffic aggravates the situation, while the government need of fuel for transports, war vessels, and depots on the way to the Cape, have created unprecedented demand.

CHESS MASTERS.

Results of the Eighth Round in the Big
Tournament at Vienna.

Vienna, Dec. 30.—The results of the eighth round of the national masters' chess tournament, played in this city yesterday were: Wolf beat Schwartz; Popiel defeated Prock; Maroczy disposed of Zinkl, while Albin and Korte, Schlechter and Brody and Marco and Alapin drew.

The adjourned games from previous rounds resulted as follows: Alapin beat Schwartz; Maroczy worsted Albin; Narco defeated Popiel and Schlechter and Popiel, and Korte and Alapin drew.

LI HUNG CHANG ADVANCED.

Has Been Appointed Viceroy of Two of
the Most Important Provinces.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The Chinese minister, Mr. Wu Ting Fang, has received a despatch from China stating that Li Hung Chang has been appointed acting viceroy of two provinces in the south of China adjacent to Canton. The minister says this is a marked distinction to the venerable Chinese statesman, as the provinces are among the most populous and commercially important in the empire.

AT A RIFE OLD AGE.

Parish Clerk of the Shakespeare Church
Passes Away After Long Service.

London, Dec. 30.—Thos. Kite, the old parish clerk of the Shakespeare church, has quickly followed the custodian of Anne Hathaway's cottage to the grave. He was 93 years of age and succeeded his father and grandfather half a century ago, and was well known to all dramatic celebrities. Among those whom he conducted to Shakespeare's tomb were Sir Walter Scott, Washington Irving, Dickens, Emerson, Keble and Nathaniel Hawthorne.

The finest made—Martell's Three Star Brandy.

McGILL MEN DEFEATED.

All New York Team Outplay the Canadian Hockey Players

New York, Dec. 30.—The McGill University hockey team of Montreal was defeated to-night by the All New Yorks by a score of 10 to 6. Individually the Canadians were strong; collectively they displayed weakness. Their defence—especially Wilson at goal—was noticeably poor, and he seemed unable to stop the hard drives of the local men. The team work of the All New Yorks could hardly be improved upon. Two 25-minute halves were played. In the first the All New Yorks scored 4 to 2, and in the second half 6 to 4.

BRITAIN TO SIGN.

German Report Says Britain Has
Agreed to The Hague Peace
Convention.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—From an excellent authority it is learned that Great Britain has instructed her minister at The Hague, Sir Henry Howard, to sign the peace convention, with the reservation of Article X, all the conference powers having consented to such revocation.

The Week In Roseland

Holiday and Repairs Cause a
Diminution in the
Shipments.

Sir Charles Tupper Received a
Cordial Reception on
Thursday.

By Associated Press.

Roseland, Dec. 30.—The holidays and the closing down of the Le Roi for five days have cut down the ore shipments for the week. In addition the War Eagle and Centre Star taking advantage of Christmas closed down for three days to make some repairs and alterations to the mine machinery. The two latter properties are now running full blast again and the Le Roi starts up again to-morrow morning. The shipments for the past week aggregate 2,400 tons and for the year to date 183,058 tons. The close down in the Le Roi has been due entirely to the necessity of replacing the main shaft of the compressor plant. Some trouble was caused by the shaft breaking down a couple of months ago and it was thought that the repairs made at the time would answer. The new manager of the B.A.C., Bernard McDonald, however, decided to have an entirely new shaft installed and a small army of workmen gathered from the other mines in addition to the ordinary Le Roi staff have been engaged on the machinery for the past five or six days. As stated, the Le Roi will be working again to-morrow morning.

Sir Charles Tupper together with his son, Charles, Herbert Tupper, and Mr. Charles Wilson of Vancouver addressed a crowded public meeting on the political situation Thursday night. The meeting was a great success. Sir Charles spoke for over two hours with great vigor and met with a very cordial reception. He stated that after touring the country from ocean to ocean and testing public feeling he felt the next Dominion elections would result in a verdict for his party and that it would be 1878 all over again.

Appended is a detailed statement (approximately) of the ore shipments from Roseland camp for the week ending December 30 and the year to date:

Mine.	Week.	Year.
Le Roi.	928	94,177
War Eagle.	540	64,508
Iron Mask.	150	50,646
Evening Star.	150	1,088
Deer Park.	250	16,795
Centre Star.	250	111
Columbia-Kootenay.	100	100
Virginia.	20	20
Mountain Trail.	100	100
I. N. L.	20	20
Money Cristo.	40	400
Giant.	75	75
Totals.	2,408	183,058

FOUR LIVES LOST.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 30.—Four men were killed and several injured by a boiler explosion near Elizabethtown to-day. They were employees of Kelly & Croston, railroad contractors.

THE KIPLINGS ILL.

London, Dec. 30.—Rudyard Kipling and family are confined to their rooms, suffering from influenza, but there is no anxiety as to their condition.

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Chieveley and Ladysmith Now
in Communication by
Signal Service.

Boer Attempts to Ruin Mes-
sages Bring Few Shells
Their Way.

Citizens of Kimberley Send
New Year's Greetings to
Her Majesty.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 31, 31, 4:30 a.m.—The war office in communicating at about midnight copies of the messages from the inhabitants of Kimberley to the Queen and of the Queen's reply, which was signed by Sir Arthur John Biggs, Her Majesty's private secretary, stated that no further news had been received up to that hour, and nothing of importance has come from other sources during the night.

The week's sorties, skirmishes, reconnoissances and bombardments at various points where the British and Boers confront each other so far as can be judged have no effect upon the general situation at the seat of war.

BLUEJACKETS AT WORK.

Chieveley and Ladysmith are in full communication. While the signaling was in progress the Boers attempted to muddle the messages with flash lights from each extremity of their long entrenched lines. The naval brigade took advantage of the opportunity to shell the Boer positions which were plainly revealed by their own lights. The naval battery resumed the shelling of the Boer trenches on the morning of December 29, but their fire failed to elicit any sign of life.

COMMUNICATION RESTORED.

A despatch from Capetown dated Wednesday, December 27, announces that an armored train had restored communication with Dordrecht where the Free State flag has been hauled down, and that the Boers had been driven from the adjacent hills to Stormberg.

KIMBERLEY'S GREETINGS.

The war office issued a despatch dated Capetown, Friday, December 29, evening, saying that Col. Kekewich wired, through the general commanding at Middel, River on December 28 as follows: "I am desirous that the mayor and council to forward the following for transmission through the proper channel: 'To Her Most Gracious Majesty, the Queen:'

"The inhabitants of Kimberley beg to send Your Majesty New Year's greetings. The war has not yet passed through and are still enduring only tends to increase their loyalty towards Your Majesty's throne and person."
(Signed) "R. H. HENDERSON, Mayor."

"On Behalf of the Inhabitants." The war office also issued the following address from the secretary of state for war: "Please send the following for Col. Kekewich for communication to the mayor and council from the Queen: 'I am deeply touched by your kind and loyal New Year greetings. I watch with admiration your determination and gallant defense of the city. I regret the unavoidable loss of life incurred.'"

London, Dec. 30.—Among the latest distinguished men going to South Africa is Capt. Holford, who is one of the closest friends of the Prince of Wales, and his equerry. From 1888 to 1892 Capt. Holford was equerry to the late Duke of Clarence, and since then has been equerry to the Prince of Wales. He is a wealthy land owner and proprietor of Gloucester House, London, famous for its picture galleries.

Nearly all the military men in Dublin are wearing mourning for Gen. Roberts' son.

BOER REPORT.

Pretoria, Dec. 29.—Three British prisoners from Malipo report Captains Vernon and Sandford, of Col. Baden-Powell's staff, were killed during the engagement in which Lord Cavendish-Bentley was wounded. The object of the sortie was to capture the cannon. The losses of the British were very severe.

The "Long Tim" injured at Ladysmith has been repaired and is being replaced. The new contract reducing the price of dynamite, instituted by the Rand in August, was registered December 28 between the factory and the government.

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In order to enable the Colonist staff to enjoy New Years as a holiday the regular issue of the Colonist will appear to-morrow. An extra will be issued on Tuesday morning, but not delivered to subscribers, if the news warrants it.

THE WAR.

It is said that Gen. Buller is preparing to attack the Boer position in the Inhlaw Mountains. This movement if made will be in the direction of one of those suggested as probable in yesterday's Colonist. The Inhlaw Mountains are to the south of the Tugela and command the ferry over that river. If the enemy are driven out of this point the way will be open for a flank movement which will place Buller in a position to get in touch with Ladysmith and perhaps to cut Joubert's line of communication.

In the comments cabled to the afternoon papers it is suggested that Lord Roberts will mass the commands of Gatacre, Warren and French and invade the Free State, and it is added that Kimberley and Mafeking may be sacrificed to accomplish this. The first part of this suggestion is probable enough, the latter part is one of those wild guesses for which the Saturday afternoon correspondent is notorious. How in the name of common sense can Mafeking and Kimberley be sacrificed by the union of the three commands and the invasion of the Free State? The contrary is what would be likely to happen, for the Boer forces investing those towns would probably be withdrawn to meet the invaders.

The Indwe collieries line, which has been reopened by Gen. Gatacre, is about thirty miles long. Dordrecht commands it, and the expulsion of the Boers from this point about a week ago was the first step in this direction.

FEDERAL LINES.

Sir Charles Tupper in his speech at Kamloops said that the introduction of federal lines into our provincial politics is not a matter of choice, but of necessity. He gives as his reason that it is only by this means that the Conservatives can regain power at Ottawa. We quote from the Standard's report of his speech. To the leader of the Conservative party in federal politics its restoration to power naturally seems the most important present political consideration, but we believe the great majority of the people of British Columbia, Conservatives as well as Liberals, believe that the interests of this province are at least equal in importance to the welfare of their respective parties in the federal arena. The very reason that Sir Charles gives for believing it to be necessary to introduce federal lines in our local affairs is what influences the majority of people to oppose such a step. They do not desire to see local affairs subordinated to the interests of federal parties. Sir Charles does not tell the people of British Columbia that they will have better provincial legislation or administration by taking the new departure. He does not tell them that by so doing they will bring about a better policy, and one that will lead to the more rapid development of the province, to the stimulation of investment, to the betterment of the condition of wage-earners, to the installation in office of ministers fully in touch with the public interests, and of sufficiently progressive views to meet the exigencies of new situations constantly arising. He does not intimate that the province, as a province, will be the better for the proposed movement. He frankly advocates it solely as a means of enabling the Conservative party to regain power at Ottawa, and with equal frankness we tell him that we are satisfied that this consideration will not influence a majority of the Conservatives of British Columbia, much as they desire to see that consummation attained. At present there are provincial questions, the solution of which will call for the best efforts of all those who see alike as to the proper course to be taken, irrespective of whether they are supporters of Sir Charles Tupper or Sir Wilfrid Laurier. This is not the standpoint from which Sir Charles regards the situation, but we submit it is the true standpoint, and the only one that will be taken by the majority of the voters of the province.

We take issue with the view that "if the Conservatives are to regain power at Ottawa they must first gain the provincial legislatures," and we believe that this view, if acted upon, will shipwreck the Conservative party. There were not so very long ago Liberal premiers in power simultaneously in Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Manitoba, and yet the Conservatives remained in power and carried the country at the elections. The fact that Ontario has had a Liberal premier almost continuously did not prevent the Conservatives from carrying that province at the federal elections. Conservative success will depend, we hold, not upon their control of the local legislatures, but upon the mistakes of the Liberals, of which there has been a superabundance; upon the lines of progressive policy favored by the Conservatives of which the country would like to hear more, and upon the growing conviction of the people that the Liberal leaders have been weighed in

the balance and found wanting. The federal arena offers a wide enough field for federal statesmen, and we respectfully suggest that they should confine themselves to it.

After the Kamloops meeting the Standard of that city published the following editorial, which indicates that the arguments of Sir Charles and Mr. Wilson were not convincing to that pronounced Conservative paper:

Mr. Charles Wilson is so well known and so well liked that his remarks would simply because they were his, have a force that might be lacking from other lips. But he cannot be said to have helped the cause he was advocating—party lines—by his arguments. The Conservative members of the present provincial opposition will be led to say that his arguments rested on false premises, for his own version of the acceptance of the party line idea was the basis of them. Mr. Wilson was a little unfair, too, when he said that Kamloops had changed its mind between the holding of the first and second Conservative conventions. The proposal was sprung upon the delegates as a surprise, and they had no time to protest against it. As far as we have learned, it is the opinion of a large number of honest Conservatives that party lines are inopportune at the present time, in the interests of the Conservative party, as well as those of the province, and it does not follow that because Sir Charles H. Tupper, Mr. Charles Wilson and a lot of Vancouver men think them desirable, that those who do not are like-warm Conservatives. Victoria and Kamloops indeed both gave strong evidence to the contrary in 1896, and nothing has occurred since to show that they have left the fold. Mr. Wilson in his speech gave a lucid account of the inception and original objects of the Liberal-Conservative party, and the Turner party require no better argument for their existence. In the minds of many the are a combination of the best elements of both parties bound together temporarily for the purpose of carrying on government, on business principles, for the purpose of encouraging the development of the country by railways, roads, etc., and by protecting both labor and capital. This work is a most necessary one in the early stages of a country's history, and many think it can be better performed by such an amalgamation as enabled the early Canadian politicians to carry confederations and carry their work is on a permanent footing, the gentlemen who form the Turner party will hardly dissolve into party politicians. The final argument used that because public affairs in the Mother Country and other provinces were run on party lines, and that British Columbia could hardly pretend to be wiser, would have been better left unsaid. A new country, like a young man, finds out for itself what are the needs and how they should be supplied, and the Imperial parliament often follows in the lead of her younger sons with success. After all, Mr. Wilson would have done better had he "let sleeping dogs lie." With regard to the action of federal legislation on provincial progress, Mr. Wilson was most happy, and those who have seriously considered the question from a provincial standpoint will agree that whatever may be said with regard to the old provinces, there is no doubt as to the beneficial effect of Conservative rule on British Columbia.

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM.

In the many columns of end-of-the-century controversy, which the newspapers have contained, the writers seem to have assumed it to be a settled fact that Jesus of Nazareth was born 1890 years ago the 25th day last December. Yet there was no evidence of this, but rather to the contrary. Neither the day, the month nor the year of His birth is known; but the weight of authority is to the effect that the event happened more than nineteen hundred years ago, the inclination being to fix it at from two to six years before the beginning of the present Era. The Christian Era is an arbitrary arrangement, which was never even discussed or suggested as a means of fixing dates until several centuries after the supposed beginning. It owes its existence to Dionysius Exiguus, a Scythian monk, who lived in the sixth century. What were the data available to him must now be largely a matter of conjecture, but the system of fixing dates commended itself to the Carolingian family, who gave emperors and kings to Germany, France and Italy. The Christian Era may be said to have been the era of the Franks, then the growing power in Central Europe, as opposed to that of the Romans. Rome at this time probably used the Julian Era, which began 45 B. C., when Julius Caesar reformed the calendar. Elsewhere in Europe the Olympiads were for the most part employed. Between two thousand and one thousand years ago several separate and distinct eras were in use, and it is exceedingly difficult to fix a date stated in terms of one definitely in terms of another. The beginning of the Christian Era is assigned by calendars to the 753rd year after the foundation of Rome.

If we could get an answer to the question propounded by Herod to the Wise Men, and ascertain "what time the star appeared," we would be able to fix the date of the birth of Jesus with accuracy, although it may be said in passing that this would have no effect in solving the end-of-the-century question. We know that Herod died in the year of Rome 750, that is three years before the beginning of the present era. St. Luke in his gospel tells us that Caesar Augustus made a decree that all the world should be taxed. The enrolment under this decree was made five years before the beginning of the Christian era, and it was for the purpose of being enrolled that Joseph and Mary went up to Bethlehem. Herod who presumably knew more of what was going on at that time than we possibly can seem to have a great deal of doubt as to the exact age of the infant, whom he sought to kill, for his order embraced all male

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children under two years of age. Therefore it is to be presumed that he believed Jesus might have been born even seven years earlier than the date usually assigned to that event. Is there any evidence of an extraordinary astronomical event about that time, which might be construed as presaging the birth of some great personage? In A.D. 1603 and A.D. 1604 there was a remarkable conjunction of the planets Jupiter, Saturn and Mars, and Kepler, the greatest of astronomers, observed beside them a new star, which is described as "being exceptionally brilliant, with a dazzling, changeably colored light." A recent writer says of it: "Not a meteor, not an appearance within our atmosphere, but far off in the sidereal heavens some glorious world, wheeling through its immense orbital track, had reached his very point in space where the high brothers of the empyrean had come into close council. Lured by the glory of their meeting, the fair stranger of the firmament stole near, a noble guest, stayed a while and added splendor to splendor." There is more poetry than truth in these well-balanced sentences, but it is easy to see in imagination the picture they call up and to understand how in an age, when the heavens were being scanned closely for signs such an event would be regarded as prophetic. In the year of Rome 747 Jupiter and Saturn were in conjunction three times, at a period corresponding to May, September and December. Jupiter was at his maximum splendor in September of that year. This would of itself arouse the attention of the wise men of the East, and if, as is possible, there accompanied this conjunction a new star similar to that mentioned by Kepler, it is easy to understand that a community which exalted astrology into a science might have been upon tip-toe of expectation as to what it prognosticated. Doubtless Herod, steeped as the ruling classes all then were in the coarsest materialism, disregarded signs in the heavens, but there lurked in his nature a dread of the mysterious, and when he heard that the birth of Jesus was alleged to have been heralded by a stellar phenomenon, he at once inquired what time the star appeared, and to guard against any mistake made his assassination order cover two years.

Congratulations to Chief of Police Langley. He has assumed an office of great responsibility and the citizens will look to him for better discipline and more modern methods than have characterized the conduct of the Victoria force in the past.

The Times is right. Premier Sedlin will be quite justified in asking the Lieutenant-Governor for a dissolution, and the Lieutenant-Governor will be quite justified in refusing it. A man may ask for anything in this country, but he does not always get it.

The Times says the Colonist has abandoned its objection to a railway in the Victoria streets. The Colonist never objected to a railway in the Victoria streets, but it has insisted that before any railway is authorized to be laid in the streets of Victoria, the citizens should be told what streets, and how they are to be affected. The Times asks if this matter may not be left with the city council. We reply: No; the ratepayers are asked to decide the question and pay a portion at least of the cost of the road, and they have a right to be informed what it is proposed to do.

At the meeting of the licensing board at Esquimalt the government backed down from its arbitrary and oppressive interpretation of the statute of last session, thereby saving the licensees the very snug sum of \$120 a year. Commissioner Atkins exhibited an extraordinary conception of things, when he blamed the late government for the high fees because he said they had the License Act of last session hidden away, and the present government found it and passed it. Does the Commissioner suppose it to be the duty of a government to pass any old bills that may be fished out of the waste baskets of their predecessors? Somebody has been imposing on Mr. Commissioner Atkins. His political friends alone are responsible.

PILES FOR 15 YEARS.
Mr. Jas. Bowles, Councillor, Embro, Ont., writes: "For over 15 years I suffered the misery of bleeding, protruding piles, which many remedies I tried all failed. I was advised to use Dr. Chase's Ointment, and must say that the first application gave relief, after the third day the bleeding stopped and two boxes cured me completely."

Letters to the Editor.

A CORRECTION.

Sir: Will you please be good enough to contradict what appeared in your issue of yesterday's Colonist, that my launch, the "Blanche" broke down while on my way to White Head? The truth of the matter is I took Dr. Watt to William Head Thursday evening, and it getting late and blowing very hard, I remained at William Head until next morning, and Dr. Watt kindly gave me a tow with the steamer Earl. During 4 years I have never had a break down.

A. ALMANZA.

PARTY LINES.

Sir: The letter written by "S." appearing in the Colonist this morning is so lame that it really calls for no answer. It could not have been written by any true Canadian—to so slander the political parties of Canada is only the work of one who thinks that he alone can save the country from some imaginary disaster. To think that which obtains in England and in other parts of Canada will not be of benefit to British Columbia is absurd. The people here have had enough of personal government and the Conservatives will follow their leader, Sir Charles Tupper, and declare on every hand for party lines when the next general election takes place.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Re William Henry Flewin, Deceased

All persons having claims against the estate of the above named deceased are requested to send particulars thereof with a statement of any securities (if any) held by them, and all parties indebted to the estate to pay the amount of their indebtedness, and any person having any deeds or other documents in hand belonging to the deceased to send the same to the undersigned forthwith.

Dated this 2nd December, 1899.
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AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

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35 doz. Fine All Wool Swiss Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, well worth \$1.25.....
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(By Mr. Napier Dennison.)

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Saturday, Dec. 30.		Sunday, Dec. 31.	
Time.	Height above zero.	Time.	Height above zero.
4:00 a.m.	9.1 feet.	5:00 a.m.	9.4 feet.
6:45 a.m.	8.1 feet.	7:40 a.m.	8.8 feet.
11:30 a.m.	9.4 feet.	11:50 a.m.	9.6 feet.
7:45 p.m.	0.6 feet.	8:00 p.m.	0.2 feet.

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\$2,400, or about \$340 per acre. The arbitrators made no allowance for interest upon the sum, in consideration of the fact that the involved property was not productive of revenue. The amount awarded to the Dominion government is slightly less than the sum offered by the E. & N. railway company in 1892.

Until He Comes.—Col. Prior will assume the duties of Col. Peters, who has been transferred to the Toronto district, pending the arrival of the latter's successor, Major Benson.

The Summons Served.—R. J. McDonald, for whom a summons for assault was issued some days ago, returned from Fort Angeles yesterday and was duly served. The case is expected to come up on Tuesday morning.

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Convictions for Theft.—The two lads, Ferguson and Morris, who were charged with stealing a sailing boat were yesterday convicted and sentenced to four months' imprisonment. William Baird, for the theft of a number of bottles, was sentenced to one month.

Y. W. C. A. Entertainment.—On Wednesday evening next at 8 o'clock there will be given a magic lantern entertainment under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. at their rooms, 32 Rae street, to which all young ladies are invited.

The First Garrison Dance.—Arrangements have been made with the tramway company to run cars at 3:30 a.m. from Head street on the occasion of the first annual ball to be given by the Garrison Dance Club at Work Point barracks on January 5 next. Dancing is to commence at 8:30 o'clock.

Many Siestas.—Through the thoughtfulness of Messrs. H. D. Holmcken, Frank Campbell and H. M. Crahan, the members of the fire brigade are enjoying the unalloyed pleasure derived from smoking good cigars, the aforementioned gentlemen having remembered the men in this manner.

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Hunt Club Meet.—The Victoria Hunt Club held a meet yesterday afternoon, between fifteen and twenty members assembling at Work Point barracks for a cross-country run through Esquimaux district. The favorable weather contributed very materially toward the enjoyable nature of the meet.

Elected Again.—At the sessions of the grand lodge of the Sons of Temperance of the province recently held in Nanaimo Rev. J. P. D. Knox of this city was again elected grand worthy patriarch. Rev. Mr. Knox returned from the Coal City yesterday. The other officers were elected as follows: Miss P. L. Norris, Nanaimo, S.W.A.; Miss E. A. Norris, Nanaimo, G.S.; J. J. Dugan, Vancouver, G.T.; W. H. McLennan, Nanaimo, G.C.; Geo. J. Jones, G.C.; J. E. Duperley, Nanaimo, G.T.; Mrs. Johnson, Vancouver, G.S.Y.P.W.

A Business Change.—The undertaking business carried on so successfully for many years by Charles Hayward was yesterday transferred to a joint stock company, which will hereafter assume control of the establishment on Government street and provide the necessary equipment for a large and modern undertaking concern. Mr. Charles Hayward, who retires on the transfer being made, will hereafter devote himself to the task of managing his other large business interests in the city.

Big Year's Business.—Mr. R. E. Brett, district manager for the New York Life Insurance Company, received last night the following telegram from the home office of the company: "New business contracted and paid for in 1899, \$2,020,000; cash premiums on new business, \$8,500,000; gain of business in force for the year, \$116,000,000." This is the greatest year's work in the history of the life insurance, and the New York Life is the only company which publishes this morning the actual result of the year's business.

Ball at Duncan.—On Thursday evening at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Ashdown Green, Duncan, a ball was given to their many friends of Cowichan district. The spacious hall, decorated with flags and evergreens, and the effect thus produced was still further heightened by the many lights disposed about the place at suitable intervals. Dancing, save for a short intermission for refreshments, was kept up with spirit till the early morning hours, when the guests parted for their respective homes. All present expressed delight at having spent so entertaining an evening.

New Year's "At Home."—In accordance with custom, which has become almost an ancient Perseverance Lodge, I. O. G. T., will be "at home" on New Year's Day between the hours of 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. in Temperance hall on Pandora street. Throughout the day refreshments will be served, while the Bantley orchestra has been engaged to contribute to the enjoyment of those who attend. While all visitors will be made cordially welcome, especial attention will be given to strangers. In the evening a concert will be given under the direction of Mr. J. G. Brown, these taking part being Mrs. Grosvenor, Mrs. Griffin, Miss Underhill, the Misses Franck, Miss Russell, and Messrs. P. Richardson, Kinnaird, Firth, Russell, Lively and J. G. Brown. Mrs. Lewis Hall will act as accompanist. The choir will be taken by Col. Gregory, and during the evening an address will be delivered by Rev. J. C. Speer.

Ald. R. T. Williams will be a candidate for Central Ward at the coming municipal election.

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Native Son Appointed Chief

Sergt. Langley of the Provincial Police to Succeed Chief Sheppard.

Has Had Long Experience on the Provincial Force as Sergeant.

Mr. John M. Langley, for many years past sergeant in the provincial police force, was yesterday morning selected by the police commissioners of Victoria as successor to Mr. Henry W. Sheppard in the office of chief. The appointment was made out of twenty-two applicants, at a special meeting held at 11 o'clock, with closed doors although the choice had already been fully debated and the commissioners therefore came to the meeting for little other purpose than to confirm a cut-and-dried selection. The appointment, has occasioned unbounded surprise in local police circles.

Of the numerous applicants for the position, with its salary attachment of \$125 per month, ten were Victorians, and three members of the city force to-day—Detectives Palmer and Perdue, and Senior Sergeant John Hawton. The list of applicants in its entirety was as follows:

R. A. Houtfray, Victoria.
W. L. Gilchrist, Victoria.
John M. Langley, Victoria.
Donald C. McLeod, Victoria.
Capt. Rant, Victoria.
John Hawton, Victoria.
Thomas Palmer, Victoria.
George M. Perdue, Victoria.
Frank J. Murray, Victoria.
Patrick Farrell, Victoria.
W. P. Winsby, Victoria.
Alexander McGowan, Rossland.
O. Wynyard-Gladwin, Kamloops.
W. Greenwood, Rat Portage.
M. H. Whitehouse, N.W.M.P.
James Kirkcaldy, Brandon.
A. Westwood, Port Albert.
A. McKinnon, Nelson.
T. J. Riddell, N.W.M.P.
M. Morrissey, Cedar Hill.
J. McAllister, Vancouver.
T. McInnes, N.W.M.P.

Sergt. Langley, or as he must hereafter be titled Chief Langley, is a native born British Columbian, with long experience in the provincial force, under Superintendents Roycroft and Hussey, and for a time—just prior to Mr. Hussey's appointment—administered the affairs of the provincial department. The new Chief will assume office on the 2nd of January.

Tenders for Printing.—At Tuesday evening's meeting of the city council, Ald. Humphrey will introduce the formal motion that tenders be invited by advertisement in one of the city papers for printing and binding the annual report of the corporation.

Successful Numbers.—The winning numbers in Frank Campbell's weekly competition last night were 21,691, 21,073, 21,516, 21,384 and 21,553.

No Midnight Mass.—There will be no midnight mass in the Roman Catholic cathedral to-night.

Wins Tom.—John Worthington's horse, Cedar Hill Tom, pulled at Frank Campbell's last night, was won by Mr. F. Proctor. In the first throw Mr. Proctor and J. Smith tied with 44 each, the former winning in the decisive throw. Cedar Hill Tom was the horse which finished third in the farmer's event in the recent Hunt Club stock race meet, but was defeated, not having been bred in the district.

Luck Numbers.—The button guessing competition of the Mammoth Clothing Establishment was decided last evening, the buttons being counted by five prominent citizens. The correct number was 1,625, the nearest guess being that of ticket 1,904 with 16,29, the owner winning the first prize of \$50. The other winners were tickets 1,883 with 1,630, and ticket 770 with 1,430, the winners receiving the second prize of \$22.50. The third prize of \$15 was won by ticket 400 with 1,619. The next two winners were tickets 271 with 1,617 and 410 with 1,633, the owner of the former receiving \$15 and the latter \$10.

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW-YEAR TO ALL

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98 Government Street,

Old Post Office

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Victoria's Popular Store, 31st Dec. 1899.

The Westside's January Clearing Sale

Commences Thursday, 4th January, 1900.

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Glencoe Suitings

1,500 yards Fine Serge Dress Suitings 48 to 50 inches wide, regular value 75c. a yard

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Jackets and Capes

Every Jacket and Cape in stock reduced for January sale from

25 to 50 per cent. off

Must be Cleared

Blankets

350 pairs Good Heavy White Wool Blankets with fancy borders, regular value \$3.25.

SALE PRICE - \$2.25

Must be Cleared

The Westside Store will be full of brilliant bargains during January Cheap Sale, each department will have its quota of them—Price Reducing will be on a colossal scale.

If you are interested in saving money this sale will make it easy

COME TO THE WESTSIDE SALE ON THURSDAY NEXT

Real Hair Switches.

Natural curly fringes, Pompadour Rolls and Combs, etc. Combed made up in any style; also Hair Dressing, Shampooing, Scalp Treatment, Face Massage, Manicuring, etc., at

MRS. G. KOSCHE'S
55 DOUGLAS STREET, NEAR FORT.

Three Kinds of GLOVES!

But all different—one a tough-wearing, moleskin, dark tanned, well made, finished tops, lace and book fasteners, and seamless palms. The other two are made of all-dressed sheep and asbestos tanned goat, equally as good, but softer, more pliable and waterproof. If you're in need of a hand covering, for wear or for warmth you can be suited from these three—and at a less price than usual.

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40 doz. Men's Natural Shirts and Drawers. This is a line usually sold by the cheapest houses at \$1.00.....

Sale - 45c.

25 doz. Odd Shirts. This is a special line ranging from 50c. to \$1.00.....

Sale - 25c.

125 doz. All Wool Heavy Ribbed Sox. This is an extra quality, 2 pair for 25c. or....

\$1.35 a doz.

35 doz. All Wool Shirts and Drawers. Very fine soft finish, usual \$1.00 to \$1.25....

Sale - 65c.

50 doz. Striped Shirts and Drawers. This is an extra heavy line, usual \$1.00.....

Sale - 50c.

115 doz. Black Sox, fast colors, 9 pairs for \$1.00, or....

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150 doz. Heavy Wool Sox 10c per pair or....

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FINE JOB WORK AT THE COLONIST

Music and The Stage.

Plays and Players of Interest to Victorians.

Corporal Mart Heisey is the hero of a thousand stage battles. Corporal Mart Heisey is of the T. R. A. (theatrical regular army), and will be one of the many features of Jacob Litt's great production of "Shenandoah," to hold the stage of the Victoria on the evening of January 4. He has put in a quarter of a century in the thick of the hottest (stage) battles, and he will probably die fighting. He is the Joe Wheeler of the footlights. Managers won't let him be anything else than a fighter. Upon several occasions they have made him fight as an Indian, once as a gypsy and once as a marine, but they have never allowed him to appear in any costume that wasn't appropriate to a serenade at Cedar creek or Wounded Knee. Think of it—twenty-five years an actor and always fighting!

This season Corporal Mart Heisey is whopping up things on the Yankee side in "Shenandoah." He is the man who yells that "Sheridan is coming," and rallies the Union army just as the Confederates are about to seize the victory. Three years ago he was blazing away at the boys in blue from the rebel side, trying to carry the day against General Hooker in "The Heart of Maryland." Two years before that Heisey while playing in "The Girl I Left Behind Me," had the pleasant pastime of trying to starve a garrison of United States soldiers. You never can tell what flag Heisey is going to support, nor can you tell whether he is going to show up as a private or as a captain.

Like all good soldiers, Corporal Heisey of "Shenandoah" began in the ranks. When a lad in his home at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, he appeared in an amateur performance of the "Drummer Boy of Shiloh," taking the title role. He made a hit, and decided to become an actor. He went to New York and succeeded in getting an engagement. His debut was made as Wan-a-Tee, the Indian in Boucicault's "The Octoroon." He had no lines to speak. All he had to do was to look as much like an Indian as he could, and when anybody spoke to him to grant.

It wasn't long before Heisey had the reputation of being the best Indian in the business. He next turned up as the gypsy in "Rosedale," and it took one captain and a regiment of British soldiers to wrest from his clutches a six-year-old child whom he had stolen and hid. Managers Tompkins and Gilmore of Boston heard of Mart's daredevil and soldierly qualities, and they enlisted him under the English flag, and for three seasons Mart wore a red coat in the Soudan. When his commission in the British army expired Mart turned surgeon, and in "Held by the Enemy" went about and dressed wounds made by rebel bullets.

The first time Mart went out of the army was during one season while seeing service on a man-of-war in "The Englishman." He played a bo's'n, and he had a

speech which never failed to score as he blurted it out in hoarse tones: "We ain't got no manners, but we can fight like hell," was the line.

The stage army is a slow of promotion as in the regular army. With all his constant service Mart Heisey has never got any higher than a captaincy. He was one of the Union spies in "Secret Service" for a while, but he didn't get much fun and glory out of it, because he had to shoot himself in the leg after he had been on the stage two minutes and he had to go to the hospital.

At present he is Corporal Pann, U.S.A., in "Shenandoah." In speaking of it the other day, he said: "I want to tell you that if being a corporal for Uncle Sam is any harder work than being a corporal for Jake Litt, those fellows earn their money."

When questioned as to his duties, Heisey replied: "Oh, nothing much; I ride ten miles to let folks know that Sheridan is coming; then I go back and meet Sheridan; after that I drive a four-horse cannon through mud over a mountainous road, search a Confederate spy and then go off the stage, and as assistant stage manager keep the supers noisy and see that they don't shoot the eyes out of any actor in the careless shandling of their guns."

"I guess I'll always be a soldier," said the corporal in talking it over. "I'm afraid if they ever cast me for a dress suit I'd dust off my legs with my crash hat. I should like to get to be a general, though. I asked Mr. Litt to let me play General Sheridan, if for only one night, but he wouldn't do it. I felt hurt about it until he explained that Sheridan was a little man, and I couldn't squeeze into the size of uniform he wore."—S. P. Examiner.

This performance of "Shenandoah" of a certainly promises to be one of the great events of the season—the greatest spectacular drama yet produced in the Victoria. Of this with Manager Jamieson demand the use of ninety people upon the stage; while the arrangements for the transportation company are for the bringing of twelve horses and four big drayloads of special scenery. These are the cold, absolute facts; and are presented after being verified, so that Victorians may know what the expect. The play of "Shenandoah" is from the pen of Bronson Howard, and is of itself great, telling a story of absorbing interest and one which appeals to every heart. The battle scenes are, however, the life and centre of "Shenandoah's" greatness as a play, the picture at the close of the third act being endorsed as one of the most marvellous stage triumphs on record, ranking possibly with the great chariot race scene in "Ben Hur" that is now setting New York afire with its marvellous perfection of mechanism. "Shenandoah's" battle pictures not only exhaust the arts of stage deception, but go further. They utilize to the fullest the "off scene" noises, thereby appealing to the imagination through the ear. At the same time the imagination is assisted by a perfection of detail that is astonishingly effective. A wounded gunner drags himself along in the retreat, bearing in his arms a little bugler, who has been shot. He staggers—falters—falls. He is too weak to endure further; too spent to get out of the way; and he has barely strength to place his body between the rush of men and horses and the wounded boy. Then comes Sheridan to the rescue! The flying regiment rallies and turns. The nation of defeat is overcome by the clink of hope. The wounded gunner pulls himself erect, holds up the feeble boy,

and the child, reviving to the splendid spirit of the thing, puts the bugle to his bleeding lips and sounds a triumphant call! There is another soldier—stolid, uninteresting outside of the piece. He comes on with one hand over his shot breast, looks back with all the fear and desolation of despair, where the enemy is approaching, then stumbles, sinks and falls. It is only a matter of an entrance and a few steps, but it tells. Why? Because the man is a representative of the masses who feel rather than reason. He knows the news of the bulletin boards, fears enlistment, fighting everything, and this is showing him what manner of thing war is! There are some of the background pictures which the public are apt to miss in the great excitement of the scene, yet which to the thoughtful observer are really marvellous in their perfection of detail.

Very good reports are received from all quarters of the play of "Human Hearts," to-morrow night's bill at the Victoria, the following being a sample of the conservative press notices, clipped from the Manitoba Free Press of the 21st November. Says the Winnipeg daily: "Human Hearts," a pastoral drama of the same stamp as "Shore Acres," held the attention of the audience from the time the curtain rose on the quiet scene of home life on the Arkansas hills, until the truly dramatic finale, with justice triumphant, after four acts of injustice and wrong, called for repeated demonstrations of more than formal applause. Not only is the play thoroughly clean, but it contains many moral lessons, and cannot but exercise a strong educative effect upon all who are privileged to hear it. The cast is a strong one, little Edmina McHugh, as "Grace Logan," quite winning the hearts of all; and Jen Mason, the educated and noble-spirited but penniless tramp, repeatedly bringing down the house. While full of the higher class of sentiment, the "Idyl of the Arkansas Hills" is rich in genuine humor, and contains many comical situations. Thoroughly healthy in its moral tone, and high class in every respect, "Human Hearts" is as the name suggests, a portrayal of human nature. The final triumph of right and justice over injustice and wrong, furnishes an impressive illustration of the lesson "As ye sow, so shall ye reap."

"Sowing the Wind," which will be again seen here on the 19th of January, points out several beautiful morals. Briefly the story treats of one "Rosamond," who is a child of chance, but has remained a pure woman and gained a place for herself in the world. Ned Annesley, adopted son of Lord Brabazon, falls in love with her and they become engaged. Brabazon disapproves of the union on the ground of the girl's parentage, and Watkin, his friend, who has wrecked his life, endeavors to blacken the girl's reputation. Through the machinations of Lord Petworth, an old rogue, her name is compromisingly coupled with others, and Watkin, feeling sure of easy victory, gets Brabazon and Ned to accompany him to her, where he hopes to prove his charges and break the engagement. After she acknowledges everything as to her past, and has released Ned, who does not accept it, Brabazon asks to be left alone with her. Brabazon's story is soon told, and then Rosamond relates her history. As she proceeds Brabazon recognizes, piece by piece, his own story, and as she tells her mother's true name he is undone. He recognizes in her his own child. After

her recital he tells her who she is, and accepts her as his child, and then, as all barriers are removed, she consents to marry Ned. The scene between Brabazon and Rosamond, known as "the duel of the sexes," is undoubtedly one of the very strongest in the contemporary drama.

Mr. H. R. Roberts, the Australian actor, tells a very good story illustrative of the missing of fortune's invitation. Its hopeless hero is an ambitious super in an Australian playhouse, who for weary months had longed for a "speaking part." Finally it was arranged that his wish should be gratified. He was selected as sentry in the production of a blood-stirring melodrama, his "cue" being the booming of cannon, yet which to the thoughtful observer are really marvellous in their perfection of detail.

"Hark! the signal gun!" and exit. The would-be Booth received his part with triumph, and for a week every important question addressed to him brought the same irrelevant answer, "Hark! the signal gun! Hark! the signal gun!" He lived and he slept with the words on his lips, so fearful was he of forgetting his "lines." Of course, there was no gun used in rehearsal; the stage manager simply said "gun—cue"; and the sentry spoke his little piece, the cue came in the performance, of course, and the sentry should have prepared accordingly. So intent was he, however, in caring for his "lines" that he quite forgot, and when the all-important moment arrived, and the gun boomed forth its message (and his cue), the "Hark! the signal gun!" he leaped with genuine alarm against the canvas precipice, and the audience caught the words, "What th' 'lls that?" in a tone the reverse of martial. And that was the end of the career of the prospectively great young actor.

Manager Jamieson is in negotiation with the managers, and hopes to arrange for a production here in May next of Charles H. Yale's "The Evil Eye," and the appearance in July of Heller, the greatest magician of them all.

There are some notably good people with "Human Hearts," to be here to-morrow night, among them Louis Leon Hall, A. W. Ellis, Ed. McHugh, Harry Dumanson, Will Riley, J. M. Stevens, Will Paterson, Kipley Reed, John P. Knorr, Miss Edna Nankiville, Miss Nellie Castle, Miss Kate Currie, and Miss Lillie Weston.

The specially good bill provided by the Savoy management last week has been winning for that house many appreciative comments, the solo and duet singing of Misses Forrest and Walthers inviting the especially favorable remark of the critical. Miss Raymond's cornet playing of course is the star attraction, and worthy of all the high compliments that it has received. This week the programme will be quite on a par with that of last, for general excellence and attractiveness.

Friends of merry, sweet-singing Alice Carle, and they are many throughout the West, will regret to learn that there is little if any hope of her ever recovering her reason. She is still immured in an Eastern States asylum, where it seems all too probable that she will spend the remainder of her days.

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HOT SPRINGS

the present tour and appearing in all performances of "Human Hearts." Needless to remark their mother is of the company.

It will be matter for genuine regret among playgoers to learn that Mr. Sol Smith Russell was taken ill during a Philadelphia performance recently, his sickness proving so serious that all his dates have been cancelled and he is now probably that he will again be seen upon the stage for years.

Mr. Frederick Warde's dates in Victoria have been changed to the 16th and 17th January. His selection of plays for Victoria is not yet announced.

The old Bush street theatre, of San Francisco, was completely destroyed by fire last week.

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PIONEER DRUGGIST DEAD.

William Zelner, One of "the Old Guard," Passes Away in "Frisco.

William Zelner, well known to many Victorians, having conducted in the early days what was probably one of the first drug stores in the city, on the site where the B. C. Market, on the corner of Yates and Government streets, died in San Francisco the other day. Deceased was a brother-in-law of Alex. Phillips, of this city. The San Francisco Chronicle thus alludes to his passing away:

"William Zelner, for fifty years a druggist on this Coast, died last night at his residence, 14 McAllister street, having been ill a month from general breaking down in health. The deceased pharmacist was born in Germany 68 years ago, and came to this country with relatives when he was six years old. Twelve years later he crossed the plains, arriving in California in 1848. He engaged in mining, but later established a dentist and druggist business at Victoria, B. C.

"Returning to California, Mr. Zelner opened a drug store at Fifth and Mission streets, where he continued for more than thirty-five years, his only son, William J. Zelner, succeeding him in the pharmacy now at 41 Fifth street. The deceased pioneer was the first druggist to begin business in this state. He accumulated a fortune, but lost most of it by speculation. Besides the son, a widow survives."

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Address to Sir Charles Tupper
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To Which the Leader Makes an
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Reply.

Greenwood, Dec. 27.—At a crowded meeting in Greenwood last evening, at which large numbers were turned away, the following address was presented to Sir Charles Tupper by the chairman, Mr. Gosnell, on behalf of the Liberal-Conservative Association. Sir Charles made a vigorous and exhaustive reply:

Permit me, Sir Charles, on behalf of the citizens of Greenwood and the surrounding mining camps represented here, to extend to you a warm Western welcome, and to express the peculiar gratification which your visit affords them. As citizens, apart from political considerations, we especially welcome you, as a representative and distinguished son of Canada. While as a young and hitherto practically in accessible community we are greatly honored by your presence, we nevertheless feel that there will be in some measure a reciprocity of benefit, inasmuch as you will return from here with a personal and more intimate knowledge of a district that in a few years will be a potential factor in the industrial, wealth and importance of the Dominion.

Permit me also, on behalf of the executive committee and the Liberal-Conservative of the Boundary Creek district, to assure you of the pleasure they experience in having with them the leader of the Liberal-Conservative party, the lifelong ally of, and the legitimate successor to, Sir John A. Macdonald, whose name has become indelibly associated with their political traditions and the history of the country. We recognize that in half a century of statesmanship your services in promoting every great national movement have been greater in effect possibly than those of any other man in that long period, and that the country has risen from comparative insignificance to relative greatness. From the time you fought with characteristic vigor and conspicuous success the provincial battles of reform in your native province up to the present there has been no flagging in the zeal and energy of your efforts on behalf of Canadian interests and Canadian development. As one of the fathers of, and strongest factors in bringing about, confederation; as one of the chief promoters of the Canadian Pacific railway and the maintenance of our trade policy; as Canada's high commissioner in Great Britain; as premier of Canada; and as always persistent advocate of those great projects for commercial expansion and imperial unity, you have exercised an influence on the destinies of the Dominion which cannot be estimated by the present generation. The subject of bitter animadversion on the part of political opponents, you have nevertheless lived to command their respect and admiration, and to-day you stand in the proud position of the trusted leader of a great and united party to whom the auguries of recent political

events are not uncertain premonitions of victory in the immediate future.

In this community, where mining interests are paramount, the population is more or less cosmopolitan, and along with native-born Canadians, every province, who are proud of your pre-eminence and achievements, there are here to-night many sons of the British Isles, and citizens of the great republic to the south—in race, religion, language, and aspirations, "brothers all of us." You will therefore not address the ordinary political audience to-night. Political lines have been somewhat loosely drawn here. Interest has been mainly concentrated on the development of the great mineral wealth surrounding us, the evidence of which you have on every hand; in remarkable growth and progress; in a railway constructed at a cost of \$5,000,000, in telegraph and telephone lines; in the erection of smelters—all in anticipation of one output—an illustration of a remarkable faith in the country such as you and your colleagues manifested in undertaking to construct a transcontinental railway at a time when the greater half of the Dominion was yet a wilderness.

It is with peculiar pleasure, therefore, Sir Charles, that we as citizens and political adherents, welcome you to the Boundary to witness what is practically the consummation of the policy of railway development inaugurated by Sir John A. Macdonald and yourself—the fruit of your labor as statesmen in the past. The remaining link of the shortest line from ocean to ocean lies between Greenwood and the coast, through a country possibly equally as rich in mineral resources as is the Boundary, in the centre of which you now stand. We trust that your powerful advocacy in parliament will be on our side in endeavoring to secure the construction of that last link, affording as it will to the people of the Boundary and those of the Coast a mutual advantage in respect to the trade of British Columbia.

In the determination of your son, Sir Charles Herbert Tupper, in whom we recognize many of your own mental and physical characteristics, to settle in and carry his fortunes with us as a citizen of British Columbia, your interest in our province, which was ever manifest, has undoubtedly been greatly increased, and to him, and to Mr. Charles Wilson, Q.C., your conferees on this occasion, we also extend a cordial welcome. An old, respected and industrious resident of the province, Mr. Wilson has contributed as a pioneer and public man to its success, and assisted in establishing its prestige. We look to see him occupy that prominent position in the affairs of state in this province for which his long experience and intimate knowledge of British Columbia, his recognized abilities and personal honesty and integrity so eminently qualify him. Needless to say that to Lady Tupper and Mrs. Wilson the doors of our hearts are wide open, and we would be lacking in the proverbial gallantry of mining towns if we did not suitably recognize their welcome presence. We trust that you will all carry away kindly impressions of this city and district, and come again as soon as circumstances will permit. As Liberal-Conservatives, Sir Charles, we wish your mission success, and while perhaps not so pronounced in our political predilections as older communities, in no part of Canada will your presence be more sincerely welcomed than in the Boundary. We returned to power at Ottawa, and strongly entrenched once more in the hearts of our countrymen.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS

ROSSLAND.

Green B. Hitchcock is registered at the city prison with two charges of forgery booked against him. The first charge is based on a cheque which he made and uttered, in which the name of E. B. Kirby is forged. This cheque is for \$25, and was passed on George Thoburn, one of the clerks in the Crescent dry goods store. At 7 p. m. on Saturday evening Hitchcock purchased a coat for \$8 at the Crescent and tendered the forged cheque in payment thereof. He was given the change in cash. He is also charged with passing a cheque on Mr. H. Cherrington of the Rossland Hotel for \$25, which was cashed at the Rossland Hotel at about 6:30 on Saturday evening. This cheque was for \$25 and is purported to have been made by J. B. Krantz. At the auction house he purchased about \$4 worth of merchandise and received the remainder of the \$25 in cash. Mr. Cherrington becoming suspicious learned from the bank manager that the cheque was a forgery, and the police next morning arrested Hitchcock on board the Red Mountain trail. He turned pale when told that he was in custody, but otherwise he faced the music like a veteran. The police think that he is an old man at the business. Hitchcock came here on December 16 from Butte and registered at the Butte hotel as Samuel Tanfer. He claims to be an engineer by trade, and says he worked as his business in various places in the United States.

A deal has just been consummated by which the Columbia Telephone & Telegraph Company has acquired the lines of the Spokane Falls and British Columbia Telephone Company. The two have been operating their lines jointly, but by this consolidation they will be owned by one company, and will be operated as such. The deal was closed last Saturday. The control of the Spokane and British Columbia company was owned by Mr. C. O'Brien Reddin and Mr. W. I. Reddin, the former of Spokane and the latter of this city. This company owns the line from Spokane to a point on the International boundary line near the Red Mountain railway. It also owns a branch from Marcus to Republic, and from Rossburg to a point on the international boundary line south of Cascade City. The Columbia Telephone & Telegraph Company owns an exchange in this city and a line from here to the boundary line. In addition to this it owns a line which extends from Cascade City to Grand Forks, Greenwood and Midway and from thence to Camp McKinney, with lateral branches running thither and thither.

Mr. John Y. Cole has purchased the surface rights of the White Bear for town-site purposes. He will, within a short time, commence the erection of ten residences on the ground. Mr. Cole has not decided yet whether he will start a river front on Rossland or whether it will be called the White Bear addition and add it to this municipality. He thinks the development of the western portion of the north belt will cause Rossland to grow in to the west, and is getting ready for the real estate boom which he feels certain will come in that end of the town.

In the Bulldog tunnel through Bulldog mountain, on the line of the Columbia & Western railway, on Friday a well directed round of shots let the daylight in from one head of the tunnel to the other. This does not by any means complete the work. There are 430 feet of benches to be taken out before the tunnel can be used, and it is thought it will be at least 90 days before trains can pass through. The tunnel is about 3,000 feet in length, and when it is used it will do away with the need of using the switchback over which the trains now travel. Work was started on the tunnel in November, 1898. Mr. Richard Williams of the Jencks Machine Company, Mr. John Stewart, J. G. Sullivan, superintendent of construction of the C. & W., and Chief Engineer Tye of the same road, came through the tunnel yesterday afternoon. They were on the regular passenger train, and had to wait nearly half an hour for the train, which had to go over the switches, a distance of between six and seven miles.

Sergeant Major Elliott, late of the Royal Horse Artillery, which is one of the finest corps in the British service, is in the city. He served in the Afghan war in 1878-9-80 with Lord Roberts. He holds a medal of four classes and a star for participation in the great march with Lord Roberts from Kabul to Kandahar, for the relief of the latter place. He sent his papers to Dr. Borden, minister of militia at Ottawa, from Spokane, and leaves to-night for Calgary to report. He intends to proceed right to the front with the Canadian contingent, to join his old commander Lord Roberts. He has every confidence in the ability of Lord Roberts to win in the present campaign, as he is every way suited to the style of warfare which the Boers have adopted. Sergeant Major Elliott served in India for 16 years under different generals. In 1883, he, while stationed at Rawul Pindli, in India, purchased his discharge, and has been out of the service ever since. From India he went to Australia, and from there to the Fiji Islands, where he remained for five years, and from thence he came here. It will be remembered that he had a sword contest with Sergeant Esmond, formerly of the 10th Hussars, in this city. Sergeant Major Elliott served in the Horse Artillery and is therefore adapted to serve in either the cavalry or artillery. —Miner, Dec. 26.

NELSON.

The officials of the tramway line have decided to operate the road between the C. P. R. and the Nelson & Fort Sheppard depots at once, and a start will be made to-day. A time card will be arranged and announced later. The line south of Baker street will not be used pending the introduction of appliances which will render a repetition of Saturday's accident impossible. Peters, the injured motorman, is progressing nicely. No collapse followed the shock of the accident, and the physicians state that he will recover rapidly.

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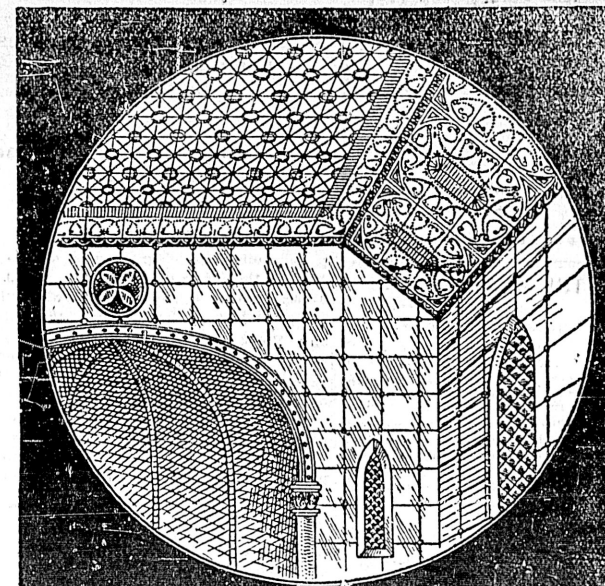
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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,

Victoria, Dec. 30-8 p.m.

SYNOPSIS:

The barometer is rising again along the California coast; temperatures have increased and rain has been general. A low area covers this province as far as the Rockies, its force, however, is only moderate. The extensive area of high pressure which for some time has prevailed in the Northwest is slowly sinking to the south-east.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria.....	44	48
New Westminster.....	42	44
Kamloops.....	34	40
Barcelo.....	30	40
Calgary.....	8	10
Winnipeg.....	-4	8
Portland, Ore.....	38	50
San Francisco.....	44	56

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time)

Sunday:

Victoria and vicinity—Moderate winds;

partly cloudy, with occasional rain.

Lower Mainland—Moderate winds; chiefly

cloudy; occasional rain.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, Dec. 30.

5 a.m. 45 Mean..... 40

Noon..... 48 Highest..... 48

5 p.m. 46 Lowest..... 43

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. Calm.

Noon..... Calm.

5 p.m. Calm.

Average state of weather—Partly fair.

Rain—0.2 inch.

Sunshine—1 hour 30 minutes.

Barometer at noon—Observed.....29.571

Corrected—29.593

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Uor. Yates and Douglas Streets.

Australian Mail Service.**The Policy of New South Wales Regarding Subsidies Outlined.****Heavy Damages Claimed for Non-delivery of Freight At Dawson.**

The following telegram was read at Sydney the other day from Mr. W. J. Lyne, premier of New South Wales: "I informed you on the 12th inst. this colony would continue the £4,000 subsidy to the San Francisco service for another year, subject to parliament voting the money. Regarding the proposed improved service in view of the large subsidies now paid to the P. and O., Orient and Vancouver service, I am not disposed at present to commit this colony to a larger subsidy to the San Francisco service than now paid, but if it is a fact that a 16-knot steam service from here to New Zealand could be given at a cost of £30,000 a year to the two colonies, I think this colony would be prepared to consider the matter favorably in termination of the Vancouver service in May, 1903. Meanwhile, per will advise the proportion which you think should pay. I propose you propose negotiations with the Union company, as the present contractors, who have given the greatest satisfaction, and are the largest employers of maritime labor afloat and ashore throughout Australia, and therefore, we consider, should have paramount consideration, as the government is anxious to keep the outlay on such arrangements within the colony."

WANTS \$100,000 DAMAGES.**Non-delivery of Freight at Dawson Results in Big Suit.**

The N. A. T. & L. Company has served at Seattle a complaint on Wm. D. Wood, president of the S.-Y. T. Company, on a suit instituted to secure \$100,000 damages. The damages are claimed for failure of the defendant company to make certain deliveries of freight at Dawson this fall which it was carrying for the N. A. T. & L. Company. A contract between the two companies is made a part of the complaint. This contract was dated August 26 at St. Michael or Healy, and in it was a proviso that if for any reason the S.-Y. T. Company was unable to take the shipment further than Fort Yukon it would be delivered there at a proportionate freight rate. The N. A. T. & L. Company in the complaint alleges that the defendant company could have delivered the goods in Dawson within a reasonable date after August 26 or by October 1, but neglected to do so. They claim \$30,000 as value of goods, \$10,000 depreciation, \$5,000 for extra expense incurred and \$25,000 additional for the failure to deliver certain gauges, pipes

and valves which were wanted without delay, the whole making up the \$100,000. In response to questions by a reporter officers of the S.-Y. T. Company claim that the freight in question was left at Fort Yukon because of low water in the Yukon river; that it was delivered to the N. A. T. & L. Company's agent at that point in accordance with the contract of shipment; that the agent accepted the freight and gave a draft on Dawson for freight earned which the N. A. T. & L. Company refused to honor at Dawson; that the S.-Y. T. Company then brought suit in Dawson for the freight money which has not yet been paid.

SEALERS PUT TO SEA.

Schooners Leaving Daily for the Different Hunting Grounds.

One by one the sealing schooners are flapping their "white wings" in their departure for the different sealing grounds in order that the spring season may now rapidly advancing may not find them behind time in their arrival on the scene of sealing operations. Shortly before noon yesterday Capt. Grant's schooner Beatrice in tow of the tug Lorne left the harbor en route for the coast from whence she will make direct for the sealing grounds off "Ca!" rnia. Capt. St. Clair but, recently promoted, will be in charge of the Beatrice. The Ocean Rover was also towed seaward yesterday morning, her present destination being Massett, where a crew will be taken on. The Carlotta G. Cox left her moorings yesterday with a favorable wind will soon be on her season's cruise. The Zillah May and Victoria are expected to get away on Wednesday next, both schooners having been thoroughly overhauled on Turpel's ways.

MARINE NOTES.

An addition of 500 feet is to be made to the C.P.R. wharf at Vancouver and the News-Advertiser thinks it cannot be added too soon. It says: "The proposed addition of 500 feet to the C.P.R. wharf cannot be completed any too soon, from the appearance of the wharves yesterday. The Empress, Aorangi and Walla Walla took up the entire room at the C.P.R. while the Charmer was on the eastern side of the Evans, Coleman & Evans' wharf, with the North Pacific and the Joan on the western side."

The whaleback steamer City of Everett, built about five years ago by Chas. Whitmore at Everett, Wash., has been sold to the Lehigh Manufacturing Company at Careret, N.J., for the sum of \$200,000. She is to be used in carrying phosphates from Port Tampa, Fla., to the company's works on the New Jersey coast. The whaleback was used on this coast in the coal trade and was successful.

The bait boat New England has arrived at Vancouver with 140,000 lbs. of fish. She had one of the roughest trips in her experience but no accidents.

The four-masted bark Shenandoah has sailed from Sydney for San Francisco with the record coal cargo for the port, 4,120 tons, from the Bull mine.

The Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamer Walla Walla sailed last evening for the California metropolis with a goodly number of passengers. Those leaving Victoria were Capt. G. Von Schoen, Mrs. Von Schoen and three children, Joseph McFarland, A. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Duncun, Mrs. G. W. Reynolds, Mrs. Ward, Miss Ward, H. Scott, Arthur Ward, W. P. Petron, W. T. Luscombe, A. C. Fraser, J. H. Ellis,

D. H. Mosley, F. P. Armstrong and family.

The bark Theobald which on Friday became the property of the Leacomer Transportation Company of Seattle, left early yesterday morning in tow of the Lorne for Oyster Harbor to load coal for San Francisco. The bark has been thoroughly renovated and should in every way meet the requirements of the coal trade in which it will henceforth be engaged. The master, Capt. Cameron, will continue in charge.

The Dominion government steamer Quadra which returned on Friday was last evening placed out of commission. The crew were discharged and the vessel will receive a complete overhauling. In all probability the Quadra will resume operations next March.

The government steamer Earle is at present undergoing an overhauling on Turpel's ways. She will resume service on Thursday next. On Tuesday next Ben Williams' yacht Nancy will be overhauled at the same place, preparatory to being placed in winter quarters. The two trim little yachts, the Wideawake and the Dorothy, are both occupying winter quarters at Turpel's yard. The steamer Unatilla, which arrived from San Francisco on Friday night, brought 23 saloon and 64 steerage passengers, of whom 4 saloon and 22 steerage were debarked at Victoria.

The steamer Victorian will arrive from the Sound at 8 o'clock this morning and leave half an hour later. The Victorian will bring over the "Human Hearts" company.

LICENSES REDUCED.

Government Change Their Minds About Doubling Esquimalt Liquor Licenses.

An adjourned meeting of the Esquimalt Licensing Commission was held at the Blue Ribbon hall yesterday morning. Commissioners Pauline and Higgins, License Inspector Campbell, Mr. P. W. Higgins, one of the members for the district, Mr. G. E. Poole, and several other gentlemen were present. Commissioner Pauline announced that the fee of \$100 for a six months' license had been reduced to \$50, and those who had paid \$100 in June would have the year's license extended to a year. The annual fee being thus reduced to \$100 instead of \$200 as before.

Mr. Von Rehm and Mr. Stetson asked what would be done with the \$10 contributed by each publican in June and again in December to pay the expenses of holding the licensing court.

Commissioner Pauline replied that both amounts would be returned with the receipt at the beginning of the new year.

Commissioner Pauline reminded his colleagues that the board had only been assembled to grant licenses, not to discuss other matters.

Mr. Higgins said that as this was not a political gathering a political address from him would be unbecoming. He would say this, however, that a strained interpretation had been placed on the

act so that the fee as imposed fell mainly on the publicans in Esquimalt town, while publicans in other localities were charged only half rates. He intended to introduce a bill in the house to amend the present act.

The following licenses were extended for six months: Fred Stetson, Joseph Calvert, Henry and Richard Price, John E. Day, Mrs. Mary Howard, Joseph Du Bois, Mrs. Eliza Marshall, L. O. Demers, Mr. Fair of Goldstream, Francis E. Bailey's license was extended for a year and Fred McAdams' application was refused, all the application forms not having been made out.

The meeting then adjourned.

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GRIT, RESOLUTION, FIRMNESS.

The Stoical Wolf with Which John Bull Meets a Crisis.

From the Chicago Journal.

In England these are the times that try men's souls. Under such circumstances it is customary for French officers in the field to accuse their subordinates of treachery, and for the French people at home in turn to charge the officers with selling out to the enemy. If the disaster took place in these times, the Paris boulevard journals would be full of vilification and abuse and the poets would be spouting heroics and trying to make somebody overthrow the government.

It is rather calamity had befallen this country in the Spanish war, Americans would have denounced the party in power and raged at the administration and the generals, and the sensational New York street journals would have demanded that somebody be hanged right away. England takes it differently. There is sadness in English homes; not merely in those who have lost members, but in those that are unrepresented at the front; for it is noticeable that Englishmen everywhere are taking this thing as a personal matter and refusing to look at it as in any sense a government enterprise apart. Yet their public utterances are remarkably free from accusations of anger and impatience. The London Chronicle says:

We shall not cry out against Buller. Some cheering news must be sent to the commanders in Africa, even when no cheering news comes from them. Let them be assured we are losing neither confidence nor patience, but trust them to make good all errors.

The London daily News, which, as well as the Chronicle, is politically in opposition to the ministry, adds this:

There will be no half-hearted efforts now by the government regarding reinforcements.

Here is a chance for the opposition to turn in and accuse Chamberlain of gambling away the British Empire, but it doesn't do it. Instead of clamorous abuse the people display patience, resignation and a capacity for calm endurance. It is worthy of a nation whose past achievements have been great and whose future is not in doubt.

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